

A true Copy of his Grace the
Duke of Shrewsbury's Certificate.

I Do hereby certifie, That in November, 1689. Mr. William Fuller came to me, and did make several considerable Discoveries of the Intreagues of the Enemies of the present Government ; and He was by my Incouragement sent into France ; and at his Return, did perform very great Service, for the Preservation of Their Majesties Sacred Persons, and the Peace and Security of their Government : And that it was by his Endeavours, that Mr. Matthew Crone was detected and convicted of High-Treason. Given under my Hand, this 15th of April, 1692.

Shrewsbury.

A
PLAIN PROOF
O F T H E
True Father and Mother
Of the PRETENDED
Prince of WALES,

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Several LETTERS written by the
late QUEEN in *France*; the Earl of *Tyr-
conel*, Lord Deputy of *Ireland*; the Dut-
chess of *Powis*, Governess to the Pre-
tended Prince; Mr. *Carrell*, the Queen's
Secretary; and Father *Lewis Sabran*,
Chaplain and Tutor to the Prince.

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The INFORMATIONS of several
PERSONS of NOTE.

Plainly Discovering the Whole

Management of that Imposture.

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TO THE
RIGHT HONOURABLE
Sir Richard Levett, Kt.
Lord Mayor;
A N D
To the Right Worshipful,
T H E
Aldermen and Sheriffs
O F T H E
City of London.

I Hope the same Noble Disposition, which has inspir'd you bravely on all Occasions, to demonstrate your Zeal, for the

Epistle Dedicatory.

Preservation of the present Government, by supporting the best of Kings, will induce you favourably to look on, and protect this short, but true Narrative of the most secret and subtle Design of the late Reign ; which was a Contrivance so deeply laid, to root out the Protestant Religion, and all Things else valuable to every true *English* Man, that nothing but the mighty Power and Favour of God could deliver this Nation from : I hope there

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there can be no Danger of a Relapse ; and verily believe there will not, unless Sins and Ignorance rule the People of this Land into a Lethargy of Security.

You, *Gentlemen*, are the Rulers over a Great People, and it is much in your Power, by your Authority and Example, to preserve the lasting Peace of this Kingdom : I humbly therefore beg your Patronage of this Piece ; which, as a strong Mountain, bids Defiance to all its Opposers ; and

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and the Truth thereof may at one Time be more powerful than the Arms of a Popish Pretender ; and thereby be of Use to you and your Posterity.

May Almighty God long preserve the present King, under whose Care you and your famous City are sure of Peace and Prosperity, it is the Prayers of

Your most Dovoted,
and Obedient Servant,

W. FULLER,

THE
P R E F A C E.

SInce the happy Conclusion of the Peace, that many of your Nation have had, their Tours into France, it is very observable how strangely the Mouths of some come back are filled with the mighty Actions of that Heroick Gentleman, the pretended Prince of Wales, they seem so to adore him, that were he truly what they pretend King James's, or his Queen's Son (as he is neither) these Gentlemen could not exceed their flattering Praises: It must be confess'd, b that

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that Pomp and Shew often makes Men seem what they are not, and so it does here ; for this young Spark being by the late King and Queen own'd as their Son, as soon as born of Mrs. Grey, it behoves them to maintain him as such, whilst there is any hopes of imposing him to the Advantage of the Roman Catholick Cause, which was the first Ground of their Design ; and even at this Day is no less than what the Jesuits and Priests both at Home and Abroad do very confidently affirm, will answer their Design of settling Popery in this Kingdom in a short time : Being my self in July last at Antwerp, and conversing there with several English Priests and Jesuits, particularly one Father Hunter, a Jesuit, the only English in the great and famous College there ; he told me plainly, That however Matters seem'd

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to stand against the Interest of the Church of Rome at this time ; he question'd not but to hear Mass said a hundred times in St. Paul's Church in London before he died ; adding, for one Reason, that he was much younger than King William, and hoping to out-live him, he saw no other Obstacle in their Way ; most of the other Jesuits and Priests gave their Opinion to the same Effect, and seem'd to speak not of their own Judgment barely, but according to their Advice from England, &c. and did frankly tell me, that they had now, notwithstanding the late Act of Parliament against them, above Seven thousand Priests in England : And I know very well, that there is every Week very great Sums of Money remitted from England, for the Use of the Religious there. So much do

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Intreagues and Interest prosper, which if rightly consider'd, is a sufficient Cause for every true English Man, to join in the Suppressing such a growing Evil: But to return to our Business in hand, since the most unhappy, most unspeakable Loss of His Highness the Duke of Gloucester, has given new and strong Hopes to that Party of England's Foes, it cannot be amiss, once more to remind them, whose Son, their darling Hopes, the Pretended Prince of Wales, is, which is here done by several Letters, sufficiently attested to be the true Copies taken from the Originals of the late Queen, and her chief Persons of Quality's own Writing, and some of the Originals (as they were sent from Ireland by Persons of Quality there, that took them out of the Dutches of Tyrconnel's Trunk) are yet in Being
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and ready to be produc'd when Occasion offers. If it may be objected why they were not publish'd sooner ; I answer, That I did intend it Four Years ago, and hoping from time to time to have brought the Matter to a Hearing before the Right Honourable the House of Lords, I was constrain'd to delay the Publishing of them on that Score only ; but having been beyond the Seas, and conversing with Father Lewis Sabran, who was Chaplain to the Pretended Prince, and one of the chief Managers of that Intreague, now residing at the English College in Leige, I do undertake to Answer the said Father, by proving not only the Supposititious Birth of the Pretended Prince, but the whole Management in every Particular, at the time of the late Queen's pretending
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*to be deliver'd at St. James's, the
10th of June, 1688. with a par-
ticular Account of the True Mother's
being cruelly murther'd in March,
1690.*

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ADVERTISEMENT.

There is ready for the Press,
and will speedily be pub-
lish'd, several Letters written by
the late King *James* and his
Queen, &c. to their Friends in
England, relating to the Manage-
ment of the several Designs and
Conspiracies against the present
Government; with the Copy of
the late King's Commission, to
seize the Person of the present
King *William*, and his Royal Con-
sort (of Ever-blessed Memory :)
As also the Copy of divers other
Commissions, sign'd by the late
King, and sent to his Correspon-
dents in *England*, upon his in-
tended Invasions from *France*.

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THese Sheets being printed
in a Hurry, the Reader is
desir'd to excuse such *Errata* as
he meets with, particularly Mr.
Fuller being sometimes mention'd
in the 1st Person, and sometimes
in the 3d; and where *F.* is inser-
ted, it is always meant *Fuller*.

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PLAIN PROOF
OF THE
True Father and Mother
Of the PRETENDED
Prince of Wales, &c.

ABOUT Four Years since I publish'd a small Narrative, shewing by several Circumstances, how reasonable it was for every discerning Judgment impartially to discern by those Truths I related, how cunningly the Transactions of the late Reign
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were manag'd, by imposing an Impostor-Child to be Heir to the Crowns of these Kingdoms of *Great Britain and Ireland.*

A short Time after my Book was out, it had so far convinc'd many that before were doubtful concerning that supposititious Birth, that instantly the whole Party of Papists, and hot-brain'd Jacobites fell hard upon me ; but instead of disproving any one Particular which I had alledg'd against the legitimate Birth (as they pretend to vindicate) a certain Author of Quality, as he terms himself, (being ashamed of his Name and Cause too, as we have Reason to believe) Scribbles a few Sheets, and sends them into the World, in hopes to banter Truth (according to the old Custom) and falls to

to a downright railing against me, charging me with Crimes I never knew, and from those Inventions of his own Brain endeavours to draw Reasons to hinder or invalidate the Truth of my Relation: But I shall not trouble you with his Banter nor Character, only say, I know him; and though he be a Man of Quality, he is also so well known by the People of *England*, especially the Tradesmen of *London*, that there is hardly one that will trust him on any Score.

There is Two Things material which I cannot but take Notice of;

The First is, His bringing all the Depositions which were made at *Westminster* by King *James* his Friends

Friends before the Revolution; and at the End of them this Author seems to stand in Admiration, that so mean a Person as *Fuller* should hope to obtain any Credit against such a Number of Depositions, made by Persons of so high a Rank and Quality, amongst which some were Protestants.

To this I answer, That all their Depositions are not the least Contradiction to my Assertions against the true Birth of this Child: For whoever pleases to consider those Depositions, they will find that there is not one Person who says, they saw or felt the Child come from the Queen's Body, though Mrs. *Wilks*, the Popish Midwife, swears, she cut the Child's Navel-String, which we

we verily believe she might ; for, as we shall presently further shew, Mrs. *Grey*, the true Mother of that Child, was delivered by Mrs. *Wilks*, not many Minutes before the Child was convey'd in the Warming-pan into the Queen's Bed.

Secondly, This Noble Author would insinuate, That whatever I publish'd at that Time (it being in the last Year of the late War with *France*) I should be silent enough when once a Peace was concluded, and that the Persons I charg'd with the Management of that Imposture had the Opportunity to answer for themselves.

To this I reply, That it is sufficiently known, the Wars have now

now been over about Three Years, and those Persons he would justify have had all the Opportunities imaginable to have made their Defence, and done themselves and the Pretended Prince Right : If I had injur'd either, they could not be ignorant of what I charg'd against them, by Reason many of my Books in *English* were sent to *France*, and the same Book was translated both into *French* and *Dutch*, and Printed at the *Hague* and *Amsterdam*, and other Places beyond the Seas, as is sufficiently known.

But to avoid Arguments, not material, and come close to the Matter, I must now tell the World, that I lately ventur'd my self abroad into *Flanders*, where I met my former Tutor Father *Lewis Sabran*, of the Jesuits

Jesuits Society, he being now a kind of Superior to those *English* ones of that Society, which reside at the City of *Leige*; he was Chaplain to the Pretended Prince of *Wales*, and one of the chief Actors in the Management of that Imposture (as you find him charg'd in my former Book:) With this Father I had some Disputes at the latter end of *July* last; and his endeavour was to perswade me to return to the Church of *Rome*, and live the Remainder of my Life in that Place, by entring my self into their Society (that is, to be a Lay-Brother) but I could by no means yield to his Inducements: Upon which, after a short sharp Dispute, the good Father and I parted with this Resolve, That to what I had formerly publish'd

lish'd, I would at my Coming to *England* expose his Letters, and all the remaining Passages wherein he was concern'd, and send him them in Print, desiring his Reply and Confutation, if I did him or others any Injury: He promised, he would do it if I gave Occasion. Therefore, with humble Submission, I think, I cannot proceed more fairly to justifie the Truth of my Narrative than by setting down, first, what I know concerning the Management of that Intreague, which has been already, and can at any time be sufficiently prov'd as follows, *viz.*

First, That in *May*, 1688. the Countess of *Tyrconnel* came over from *Ireland* in the *Monmouth* Yatch, Captain *Wright* Commander

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er, and brought with her Two young Gentlewomen big with Child. This is prov'd by Captain *Wright* and others belonging to the Yatch, as also by a great many People of Quality and others of *Ireland*.

Secondly, I do aver, That one of these Gentlewomen who came over with the said Countess of *Tyrconel* (and was with her on the Road towards *London*) fell in Labour, and lay in at St. *Albans*, which is testify'd by several on that Road, and the Inhabitants at St. *Albans*.

Thirdly, I do aver, That the other of these Women that came over from *Ireland*, and to *London*, with the Countess of *Tyrconnel*

(her Name being Mrs. *Mary Grey*) was brought big with Child, and lodg'd in Two small Chambers over the Lady *Strickland's* Lodgings, near the Queen's Apartment, in the Palace of St. *James's*, which said Chambers join'd also to the Marchioness of *Powis's* Lodgings, and were the most private and convenient for their intended Purpose in the whole Palace.

Fourthly, I do aver, That on Saturday, the Ninth of June, 1688. the same Mrs. *Grey* fell into Pains, upon which Mrs. *Wilks* was brought to her, and that Afternoon the Queen came privately to St. *James's*, and pretended also of a sudden to find the Symptoms of her approaching Delivery, which increased, according as
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Mrs. Grey's did in Reality; and Mrs. Grey being deliver'd betwixt the Hours of Nine and Ten on *Sunday Morning*, the Tenth of *June*; the Child of the said Mrs. Grey was convey'd in a Warming-Pan, which I saw Mrs. *Labaddy* carry from Mrs. Grey's Chamber along the narrow Gallery, and so pass'd into the back Room, next to that the Queen lay in.

Fifthly, I do aver, That this very same Mrs. Grey, three Weeks after the Time of her Delivery, was by Command sent to *Dover* in a Coach and Six Horses, accompany'd by Father *Lewis Sabran*, the Marchioness of *Powis*'s Woman, and my self; and that she was there met by one Father *Grey*,

a Secular Priest, who liv'd at *Callis*, and call'd her Sister, with whom she went on Board the Packet-boat in order to go for *Callis*, and from thence to the Benedictine Nunnery in *Paris*: And this is prov'd by the Persons where she and we lodg'd, and is well remember'd by the Master of the Packet-boat, who had often before and since both seen and drank with Father *Grey*, her Brother, at *Callis*, and heard him say, his Sister, meaning this *Mary Grey*, was gone to end her Days in a Nunnery.

Sixthly, I do aver, That the said *Mary Grey*, in *February*, 1690. (there being a Breach in the Garden-Walls of that Cloyster at that time) did make her escape out of the

the said Convent of *English* Bene-dictine Nuns in *Paris*; upon which, a diligent Search was made after her in *Paris*, and after Three Days she was found again.

This I prove by several Persons, Inhabitants in *Paris*, who dwell near the Convent, which well remember the said Breach at that time, and the Search which was made after a Woman who made her escape. And if our Enemies shou'd here alledge it was another Woman, and not Mrs. *Grey*; I answer, It behoves them to prove who that other Woman was; and forasmuch, as in a few Days after Mr. *Grey* was carried to St. *Ger-mains* from the said Convent, (where she was kept under a strict Guard after her escape) it like-wise

wife concerns them to demonstrate, what came of her afterwards.

And whereas, I do further charge them with murthering her; certainly, if they're not guilty, it is easie to disprove my Assertion, by either producing her, or proving where, and how she died.

And yet further, I do attest, That this *Mary Grey* was meerly murther'd (she being the True Mother of the Pretended Prince of *Wales*) to prevent her discovering the same to the honest People of *England*, whom they term the Enemies of the late King and Queen : Therefore, if she were not put to Death meerly on that account, it will be a mighty Justification to the Court of St. *Ger-mains*,

mains, if they please to shew for what Cause she was murther'd, so that these my positive Asser-tions, being so answer'd, as I pro-pose, I will not only confess my Error, but shall freely lay my Life at their Mercy, tho' I am sure to find none : As for Father *Sabran*, I verily believe I have left him little or no room for a Re-ply. But partly pursuant to a former Promise of mine, in my First and Second Narrative, and to make the Matter more appa-rent, I here following present the courteous Reader with a few true Copies of Letters, writ by the late King *James's* Queen, and o-thers, concerning Mrs. *Grey*; and the first Two Letters were writ upon the Occasion of a great Fright, which Mrs. *Grey* gave the Queen,

Queen, when she made her escape, which occasion'd the Queen to order me to go for *England* with the said Letters immediately ; but Mrs. *Grey* being taken, an Express was dispatch'd after me, to call me back to St. *Cer-mains*, where I found the Queen overjoy'd at taking of the *Lost Sheep*, as the Queen was pleased to term Mrs. *Grey*. The following Letter was writ by the Queen's own Hand, directed to me, to deliver to the Lord *Montgomery*, in *England*.

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LETTER I.

At St. Germains, Feb. 10. 1690.

' I Desire you, my Lord, instant-
 ' ly to repair to *Rumny-Marsh*,
 ' and take with you my Servant
 ' *Ashton*, with others whom you
 ' can trust; for Mrs. Grey is con-
 ' vey'd out of the *Cloyster*, no doubt,
 ' by the Help of our Enemies A-
 ' gents at *Paris*. I need not urge
 ' to you the dangerous Conse-
 ' quence of this Woman's arriving
 ' safely in *England*: But, as you
 ' tender the Interest of our Holy
 ' Mother and all Things else,
 ' which, I believe, are dear to you,
 ' I charge you, not to fail to get
 ' her dispatch'd at her Landing,
 ' which must be consequently in

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' those Parts in a small Vessel,
 ' Care being taken to prevent her
 ' Escape otherwise; the Bearer will
 ' inform you further. I shall pray
 ' for your Success.

Your Assured Friend,

Mary R.

This Letter was writ by the late Queen's own Hand, and copy'd by Mr. *Fuller*, to whom the Queen gave it to deliver to the Lord *Montgomery*; and the said Letter being made up in the Pipe of a Key, he had the Opportunity of taking the Contents, which Mr. *Fuller* deliver'd to the present King on the Second of *March* following, and depos'd an Oath,
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that the Copy was truely taken from the Original, as the late Queen in *France* gave it to me with her own Hand, which Letter was by me delivered back to the Queen upon my being recall'd to St. *Germains*, as I was on my Journey to *England*, upon the Account of Mrs. *Mary Grey's* being taken in *Paris*, as you have it set down in my first Narrative.

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By this Letter it is easie to discern how much the late Queen fear'd the Consequence of this Woman's getting safely into *England*, and surely, were not the Cause extraordinary, Her Majesty (whose Soul is haughty enough) would not be so frighted

at her Escape: But the Interest of the Holy Church was at Stake, that is, the Imposture, she fear'd, would be exposed, and her Master-piece of Intregue brought to nothing, but redound to her Eternal Dishonour: So poor Mrs. Grey must die, whatever Trouble or Pains it cost, even one of the best Friends the late Queen had in *England*, and that too at her first Landing, before the mighty Secret was divulg'd; and what that Secret was, surely, Her Majesty in this Letter does her self so plainly hint at, that it needs no further Interpretation. The next was given me at the same Time, and is much to the same Purpose.

A Letter from the late Queen
to the Right Honourable the Earl
of *Castlemain*, on the same Occa-
sion ; dated at *St. Germains*, Feb.
10. 1690.

LETTER II.

' I Never, my Lord, had any
' Occasion of greater Conse-
' quence (than what offers now)
' to try your Disposition for the
' King's and my own Service ; nor
' do I in the least question your
' Diligence in executing my Will,
' when you know (as is too true)
' that Mrs. Grey, who came from
' Ireland with the Dutches of Tyr-
' conel, in 1688. is by some means
' stolen out of the *Cloyster*, and up-
' on Examination it appears too
' plain, that she must be assisted
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‘ by some Agent of the Prince of
‘ Orange’s, consequently design’d
‘ to be convey’d to *England*, and
‘ made the Instrument of our Dis-
‘ grace ; which Motive obliges me
‘ to desire you, with all imagi-
‘ nable Speed, to go in *Disguise*,
‘ with such a Number of proper
‘ Persons as you shall judge con-
‘ venient, to the Coast of *Kent*,
‘ where most conveniently she may
‘ be landed, near *Deal*. I have
‘ writ to my Lord *Montgomery*
‘ to go to *Rumny Marsh*, and wish
‘ you to confert together before you
‘ set out, which must be done
‘ with Speed, that you may stifle
‘ this wicked Woman’s Design be-
‘ fore it be too late. I hope the
‘ Goodness of our Cause will in-
‘ spire your Zeal, to act as becomes
‘ a Christian and a faithful Subject;
‘ the

‘ the Bearer will inform you more,
‘ from

Your Assured Friend,

Mary R.

It was also copy'd by Mr. *William Fuller*, being deliver'd to him by the late Queen's own Hand, and made up in the Pipe of a Key, as the former to the Lord *Montgomery*; and was order'd to be deliver'd to the Earl of *Castlemain* in *England*, but return'd back to the Queen at Mr. *Fuller's* being call'd back to St. *Germain*s.

This Copy was also deliver'd to His present Majesty King *William*, by me, at the same time as the former, when I depos'd on Oath, that it is a true Copy of the late Queen's Letter.

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OBSERVATION II.

The Queen here speaks so very plain to this Lord, that nothing can well express a greater Concern ; she terms it, the greatest she ever had ; and no doubt, but she thought it so at that time ; for the first News of Mrs. Grey's escape, put her into a Fever ; and, its true, that the Queen kept her Chamber Two Days upon it ; her Majesty was much afraid of the Prince of Orange's Agents : So true it is, that guilty Persons tremble at every Shadow. The whole Letter is so plain, that I need say no more about it.

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The next is a Letter taken out of Mr. Mathew Crone's Pocket-Book, when he was apprehended for High Treason, at the *Ship-Tavern*, in *Grace-Church-Street*, on the Fifth of *March*, 1690. directed to the Lord *Montgomery*, writ by the Queen's own Hand; dated *March* 8. 1690.

LETTER III.

'VVHEN I writ last by
'*Hays*, I was under
'some Mortification concerning
'Mrs. Grey, who that Morning
'made her Escape, and gave us,
'upon some Examination, a Je-
'lousie that she was convey'd to
'England; but I am very thank-
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ful to Almighty God that we
had no Occasion to trouble you
concerning her there : She is now
safe, past doing any Damage ;
but I fear that the Concern we
were under, and the Search we
caus'd to be made after her, has
a little taken Air, and is con-
veyed to the Knowledge both of
some of our Friends and Ene-
mies in *England*, which is pro-
per to be stifled ; therefore I have
given Directions to *Carrol* to send
you full Instructions how to pro-
ceed with Mrs. *Grey's* Relations
now in *London*, to prevent their
Resentment of our Proceedings,
which otherwise may be of ill
Consequence, and their Rash-
ness (the common Defect of their
Countrymens Judgment) may
give dangerous Occasions to the
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‘ never-ceasing Watchfulness of our
 ‘ Enemies; and at this time it much
 ‘ behoves us to prevent even the
 ‘ least Disputes amongst our good
 ‘ Subjects : And to this Purpose,
 ‘ I have ordered a sufficient Sum of
 ‘ Money to be remitted amongst
 ‘ the Bills which F. brings over to
 ‘ *Ashton*. I pray God to give a
 ‘ gracious Issue to this and all
 ‘ other your Endeavours, for his
 ‘ Glory and the Defence of the
 ‘ King. I am

Your Friend,

Mary R.

Mr. *Crone* coming from *France*
 with Mr. *Fuller*, the latter caus'd
 him for to be apprehended ; and
 the said *Crone* in *June* following

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being arraign'd at the *Old-Baily* for High-Treason, by a Commission of *Oyer* and *Terminer* for that Purpose, before the then Lord Mayor, Sir *Tho. Pilkington*, and all the Judges of *England*, after a long and most fair Tryal, Mr. *Crone* was found guilty of High-Treason, and receiv'd Sentence accordingly; and several Warrants were sign'd for his Execution, which was from time to time put off by Twenty Four several Reprieves, until the said *Crone* gave to the present Government a free Confession of what he knew of the Designs carrying on against the present Government at that time; all which he not only gave to His Majesty's Ministers of State in Writing, but afterwards depos'd on Oath, That all the Matter

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contain'd in those Papers was Truth, and that this and others were the true Letters which he brought from the late Queen's own Hand. And this Confession of Mr. Crone's was laid before the Honourable House of Commons, according to an Address of that Honourable House to His Majesty, in November, 1692. for that Purpose. Note, Mr. Crone having obtain'd his Pardon in June, was let out of Newgate for his Health, the Government not believing he ever would venture into France again, after having made so large a Confession, and Discovery of the Intreagues of the Court of St. Germain, which was so very material, that had Mr. Crone continu'd in England until His Majesty's Attorney-General had proceeded upon

on the prosecuting such as *Crone* and *Fuller* had given Information against, there's no doubt but it had prevented several Conspiracies, which have since been carried on by the same conspiring Hands : But *Crone* went for *France*, and some affirm it was by Invitation from King *James*, with an Assurance of his Pardon and Favour ; others affirm, he was carried on Ship-board by Six Men disguised, who came arm'd in the Night, taking him by force, and gagging him, convey'd him into a Boat, and so off. But however it were, he is now in *France*, and used kindly, which shews his being there is very agreeable to the Court of St. *Germain*s. And considering he was made a Major of Horse on the Account of his being

ing serviceable, in going betwixt *France, England and Ireland*, the Two first Years of the War, when the greatest Conspiracies were on foot ; it cannot be imagin'd but that this *Crone* was greatly intrusted by the late King and Queen, even in their most secret Intreagues ; and what he did confess to the Government was so plainly demonstrated, that there is no room for the least Doubt of any particular : Besides, it confirm'd every Particular of what *Fuller* had given in Information before ; and both were afterwards confirm'd by the Lord *Preston*, only this and some other few Letters Mr. *Crone* was only privy to, which he confirm'd on Oath came from the late Queen's own Hand in *France* ; and a more positive Proof

Proof surely cannot be required :
So I proceed to make a short Ob-
servation from some parts of it,
viz.

OBSERVATION III.

Now the Queen writes the Letter, her Fears concerning Mrs. Grey being over, but yet some small Jealousies remain of their late Dealings with Mrs. Grey's taking Air. The Queen is mighty jealous of the Spies in *France*, and knowing that King *William*, and his Royal Consort had some time before the Revolution learnt something of this Intreague ; and the Pretended Prince's being Mrs. Grey's Son, her late Majesty at St. *Germain*s (who wants not Thought) instantly weighs how much

much it concern'd her to keep this Murther and Dealings with Mrs. Grey as secret as might be ; well knowing, that the least Air or Knowledge of it in *England* would put an End to her pretended Son's Right. The Persons the Queen most dreaded, were Mrs. Grey's Relations, who were some of them in *England*, but all Natives of *Ireland* and Papists : Her Majesty orders her Secretary, Mr. *Carrol*, to provide and send over Means to stop their Mouths, that was, an Invitation into *France*, with the Promise of Preferment and a Sum of Money, the feldom or never failing Cure for all Mischief : Mr. *Ashton* was to pay the Money, he was her Majesty's Treasurer in *England*, and since hang'd for his Zeal in a bad Cause,

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which the Queen terms, God's Glory and the King's Service.

The next is a Letter writ by Father *Lewis Sabran*, a Jesuit and Chaplain to the pretended Prince of *Wales*, to the Dutches of *Tyrconel* in *Ireland*, and was sent by *Fuller*, who was sent to that Kingdom by the late Queen from *France*, by the Way of *England*, where F. open'd the said Letter, shewing it to the late Queen of ever blessed Memory, who ordered the Copy to be taken, after which F. went for *Ireland*, and delivered the said Letter as directed; dated at St. *Germains*, *March 15, 1689.*

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LETTER IV.

Madam,

' IN Obedience to the Com-
 ' mands I receiv'd from your
 ' Grace, I have several times vi-
 ' sited Mrs. *Mary Grey*, endea-
 ' vouring to convince her, how
 ' inconsistent with Reason her se-
 ' veral Requests to your Grace
 ' are ; I assured her how kindly
 ' ready you were to condescend
 ' to the doing her every good Of-
 ' fice which might conduce to her
 ' Eternal, as well as Perfect Hap-
 ' piness ; and I thought my self
 ' at first happy by having fully e-
 ' vinc'd her, how much she was
 ' mistaken by desiring to leave the
 ' Holy Society, which she now

‘ enjoys, and the Dangers that
‘ attend a Woman of her Constitu-
‘ tion by being abroad in the
‘ World, where all Things strive
‘ to wound the Soul : I urged to
‘ her the Consideration of her
‘ former Miscarriage, and much
‘ Reason she has continually to
‘ send up her Prayers, and to en-
‘ dure a continual Mortification
‘ to merit Blessings for her Son,
‘ that by him so many Millions
‘ might one Day be made happy :
‘ Much more I offered, and pressed
‘ it home ; but though then she
‘ seem’d satisfied, I am sorry to
‘ tell your Grace, that she is now
‘ run into the Extravagancy of
‘ meer Frenzy, and nothing will
‘ content her, unless the Queen
‘ permit her Leave to take some
‘ Employ that she may attend the
‘ Prince

‘ Prince continually : I dare not
‘ let the Queen as yet know it,
‘ but have left it to the Discretion
‘ of my good Lady, the Dutchesse
‘ of Powis, to inform Her Majesty
‘ as she finds Occasion (though I
‘ heartily wish there may be
‘ none;) I have twice obtain’d
‘ Leave by the Queen’s Command
‘ to my Reverend Lady Abbess,
‘ for Mrs. Grey’s coming to St. Ger-
‘ mains to see the Child, which,
‘ I fear, has done more Hurt than
‘ contrary wise ; for since that
‘ Time her Malady seems to be
‘ much increased : I truly pitty
‘ her and pray for her, begging
‘ your Grace to write frequently
‘ to her, for I know nothing that
‘ has so much Influence with her
‘ as your Grace’s prudent Admo-
‘ nitions. I bless God, the Prince
‘ thrives

' thrives even beyond Expectation, and, I hope, the whole Course of his Life will be blest, to crown their Majesties, and your Grace's most worthy Endeavours. I am,

Madam,

Your Grace's most Humble,

and Devoted Servant,

Lewis Sabran.

This Letter with the following, and several others were taken in a Trunk of the said Duchess of Tyrconnel's, which Trunk was by her Servants left at her Daughters in Dublin, and being search'd soon after the Fight of the Boyne, the said Letters were pre-

presented to the King, and afterwards remitted to the Queen in *England*; then by Command deliver'd to me, in order to the Publishing them, when occasion offer'd, with other Papers.

OBSERVATION IV.

Mrs. *Grey* being a Relation of the Earl of *Tyrconnel's*, and by his and his Lady's Instigation drawn into this fatal Intreague, the Countess of *Tyrconnel*, to whom Mrs. *Grey* made her frequent Appeals from the Monastery, injoyns Father *Sabran* to give her Advice; Mrs. *Grey* being uneasie for being kept so close from her Child, who, no doubt, was very dear to her, though raised to such a Height of Princely Honours, that she, poor Lady,

Lady, begg'd only to be his Menial Servant: But the Queen and others judg'd it not proper for these Reasons; First, That the Women of *Ireland* are the most passionate Lovers of Children in the World, which might have given Cause of Observation. Secondly, The present King of *England*, as before mention'd, having some Notice of this Intreague, might by some means, as they at St. *Germain*s suspected, have found out Ways to get her off, which could not, they knew, be so easily done at the *Cloyster*. The Father in his Letter plainly calls the pretended Prince her Son, and sets forth what mighty Deeds he hopes to see accomplish'd by him; and surely, were he not her Son, why should such Care be taken

taken to gratifie her, in carrying her to St. *Germain*s to see him : The Letter is very plain and true.

The next which was found in the Dutchesse of *Tyrconnel's* Trunk, is, a Letter from the Marchioness of *Powis*, to the Dutchesse of *Tyrconnel* in *Ireland*; dated, at St. *Germain*s, Feb. 23. 1690.

LETTER V.

Dear Madam,

‘ **I** Wish to shun this Talk, and
‘ **I** be assured, that nothing but
‘ the Queen’s indisputable Com-
‘ mands could extort it from me,
‘ to tell you that Mrs. Grey’s Folly
‘ has at last wrought that, both
F ‘ you

‘ you and I knew, and all her
‘ Friends fear’d would in some
‘ measure happen to her. In-
‘ deed, *my dearest Lady*, it is un-
‘ speakable how many Fears and
‘ Frights she has by her continual
‘ Uneasiness put the good Queen
‘ into, and that by reason she was
‘ not admitted constantly to at-
‘ tend the Prince; which if it had
‘ been allow’d her, must have ter-
‘ minated in the Overthrow of all
‘ the Queen’s Genius, and the glo-
‘ rious Design of our Holy Cause:
‘ And her strange Uneasiness could
‘ not but give divers Thoughts to
‘ the Queen and others, especially
‘ that unadvis’d Act of stealing
‘ from the Convent, which favou-
‘ red too much of a Secret cor-
‘ respondency with the rebellious
‘ Subjects, who saw too deeply in-
‘ to

' to the Matter, when your Grace
 ' came to *London* with her : And
 ' so miserably stubborn (if not
 ' worse) was her Temper, that
 ' nothing but her Death could
 ' give Security of preventing the
 ' wretched Effects of her Folly ;
 ' and that Death she must now un-
 ' dergo (I wish it might be order'd
 ' otherwise) but at present it
 ' seems impossible ; and there is
 ' so many Reasons for hastning of
 ' her Death, that I fear it will not
 ' be delay'd. Let not then the
 ' News, dear *Madam*, surprize you,
 ' but the Thoughts of so glorious
 ' a Design supply the Loss of one,
 ' I know, you dearly loved : For
 ' who, indeed, wou'd not them-
 ' selves lay down a Thousand
 ' Lives for such a Cause (if it were
 ' in their Power?) Let this then

' be your Repose, that we cannot be
 ' Instruments of God's Glory, and
 ' the Holy Church's Prosperity at
 ' too dear a rate. The good Queen
 ' is much disturb'd that Things
 ' are of necessity urg'd to such a
 ' Period, and would do any thing
 ' (where it possible to divert it.)
 ' The Prince is very well, and
 ' Mrs. Grey is now in my Lodg-
 ' ings; so that in a few Days your
 ' Grace shall know the final Event.
 ' I am much concern'd at the Fears
 ' you daily suffer, and hope God
 ' will shortly avert them, that we
 ' may meet with Praise to the
 ' Divine Bounty, and unspeakable
 ' Joy to each other. I pray give
 ' my Service to your good Lord
 ' and Family; who am, *Madam,*

Your Humble Servant,
 POWIS.
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This foregoing is a plain Demonstration of Mrs. *Mary Grey's* being designedly to be put to Death, in order to prevent any Discovery she might make of the Pretended Prince of *Wales*, being her Son, of which the late Queen was extreamly Jealous, and that not without sufficient Cause, as doth appear by the following Letter writ by Mr. *Carrell*, the late Queen's Secretary, by her Majesty's Command ; the said Letter was found in the Lady *Tyrconnel's* Trunk, and sent over to *England* with the former, and being expos'd to several Persons of Honour of Mr. *Carrell's* Acquaintance, is judg'd by each of them to be writ by his own Hand ; and that it was found in my Lady *Tyrconnel's*

connel's Trunk, is sufficiently proved by several Witnesses that were at the opening the same ; it is dated at St. *Germain*, Feb. 24.

OBSERVATION V.

The Dutches of *Powis*, (the Queen's chief Confident) here excuses the Proceedings against Mrs. *Grey* to the Dutches of *Tyrconnel* ; tells her plainly the Queen's Sentiments ; and why Mrs. *Grey* must die. This Dutches speaks plainly, so I need observe no more, but proceed to Letter the Sixth.

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LETTER VI.

May it please your Grace,

' I Am commanded by the Queen
 ' to inform you, that of ne-
 ' cessity Mrs. *Mary Grey* must be
 ' put to Death; for Reasons your
 ' Grace has, I suppose, receiv'd
 ' from the Dutchess of *Powis*, and
 ' Fa. *Sabran*: But however just,
 ' this may appear to judicious
 ' Persons, it may possibly (not-
 ' withstanding all Endeavours u-
 ' sed to the contrary) reach the
 ' Ears of Mrs. *Grey's* Relations,
 ' especially her Sister, whom the
 ' Queen supposes to be with your
 ' Grace; and least she in the
 ' height of Passion shou'd let slip
 ' out that, may do hurt; Her
 'Ma-

'Majesty thinks it advisable that
 'your Grace should take a fit oc-
 'casion to inform her first the
 'Cause, and then the absolute
 'Necessity of her Death ; and it
 'her Majesty's Pleasure, that no
 'Incouragement shou'd be want-
 'ing to her Sister, either in *Ire-*
land, or if you judge convenient
 'to send her over to St. Germain's :
 'As for other Relations in *Eng-*
land, I have sent Instructions to
 'pacifie them ; and have no more
 'to add in this Matter, not doubt-
 'ing your Grace's Management in
 'this, as well as other weighty
 'Affairs. I am,

Madam,
 Your Grace's most Humbly
 Devoted Servant,
 W. Carrell.

Mr.

OBSERVATION VI.

Mr. Secretary *Carrell*, by the Queen's Command, further shews the D. of *Tyrconnel* the Necessity of Mrs. *Grey's* Death, and greatly applauds the A&t, which he says all judicious Men must approve just, (but certainly he means no other for judicious, but those of St. *Germain's* Cabinet-Council;) you see how careful he is by his Mistress's Command to secure Mrs. *Grey's* Sister, who, no doubt, must hear of the Death of her Sister, and most certainly would be concern'd much at it: But here is nothing omitted to prevent a Discovery of this horrid Deed; and it was wisely thought on, to get the Sister into *France*,

G where,

where, no doubt, she would be soon made as silent as her deceas'd Sister. If the Gentlemen or Ladies at St. Germain found her prating, the Dutches of *Tyrconnel*, as well as others, has her Part to act, to the very End of the Matter: And for Intreagues, surely our *Roman* Ladies surpafs all others.

A Letter sent by the Duke of *Tyrconnel*, to the Dutches of *Powis*, which was intercepted by me, and presented to the present King, at his Court at *Kensington*, in *March*, 1689.

LETTER VII.

Madam,

' I Am infinitely oblig'd to your
 ' Grace, for your good Offices
 ' to my Kinswoman Mrs. Grey; I
 ' am much concern'd to hear how
 ' uneasie she makes her Friends, and
 ' consequently her self. My Wife
 ' has writ many Letters to her of
 ' late, endeavouring to dissuade her
 ' from those Humours which you
 ' seem to intimate, that she still re-

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tains. I protest I cannot comply with her Desire of urging the King to write to the Queen for her being one of the Prince's Rockers; I am meerly of your Opinion, and utterly avers'd to it, knowing her Disposition so well. I have writ to her my self by this Bearer, and if it comes safely, I hope, my poor Arguments may at least make room for your more weighty, to impress the deeper: I vow to Almighty God, I am much concern'd for her, she being so near related to me, and a Lady that, I thought, might have been indued with more Conduct, especially in so weighty a Matter: I heartily thank your Grace for the Pains you have taken with

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' with her ; and am without a
' Compliment,

Madam,

Your Grace's

Most Obedient Servant,

TYRCONNEL.

*Dated at Dublin,
Jan. 24. 1690.*

OBSERVATION VII.

This Letter is of the longest Date, and I insert it here only to shew you what Care the Duke of *Tyrconnel* took of his Kinswoman *Mrs. Grey*; his Sentiments are

are the same as those of the others, concerning her being at Court : There is but one little doubt to be made, that he knew her Constitution (tho' he had not confess'd it) for many that knew Mrs. Grey in *Ireland*, are very ready, and that it seems with good Grounds to affirm, that my Lord *Tyrconnel* was the Father of Mrs. Grey's Child, and so consequently of the present Pretended Prince of *Wales* in *France* : And if so, doubtless his Arguments might be very prevalent with her, and had he lived, might in due time have made up any other young Prince or Princess ; whereas the Court of *St. Germain*s has been since put to it, to procure a Daughter, the better to deceive the World, by taking off the Suspicion

spicion of the King's not being in a Condition to perform that now, which the Lord *Tyrconnel* with Mrs. *Grey* had done before for him.

After these Letters, which are a plain Demonstration that Mrs. *Grey* is the True Mother, I shall lay before you a Letter which I receiv'd from *Ireland*, a short time after the Publishing my former Books; it was writ by the joint Consent of *Robert Fitz-Gerald*, Esq; and Mr. *Roger Hamelton*, both of *Dublin*, and Persons of honourable Families, and of good Report, they being Gentlemen that are well known, and Masters of considerable Fortunes; their Letter is dated at *Dublin*, Dec. 3. 1696.

Mr.

Mr. William Fuller.

SIR,

WE whose Names are
hereunto subscrib'd,
do jointly assure you, that we
are very sorry we had not the
Opportunity of knowing your
Design before you publish'd your
Narrative, relating to Mrs. Grey,
the justly suppos'd Mother of
the Sham Prince of *Wales*: But
however, if you have occasion
to publish any thing more on
that Subject, we desire that these
our joint following Relation of
her may be publish'd also, we
being ready to confirm the same
on Oath in any of his Majesty's
Courts of Judicature here, or
before

‘ before any lawful Magistrate, if
 ‘ call’d thereunto, viz. this *Mary*
 ‘ *Grey* is the second Daughter of
 ‘ Mr. *James Grey*, who liv’d at
 ‘ *Kilkenny*, and left Three other
 ‘ Children at his decease, which
 ‘ he had by his own Wife, who
 ‘ surviv’d him ; and she being a
 ‘ Relation to the Earl of *Tyrcon-*
 ‘ *nel*, the said Widow with her
 ‘ Two Daughters were much fa-
 ‘ vour’d and succour’d by the said
 ‘ Earl : And this Mrs. *Mary Grey*,
 ‘ whom you mention, after her
 ‘ Mother’s decease (which was in
 ‘ the Year, 1686.) was wholly
 ‘ maintain’d, and that in much
 ‘ Splendor by the Earl of *Tyrcon-*
 ‘ *nel*, which gave a reasonable
 ‘ Suspicion to us, and several o-
 ‘ thers, that he had debauch’d
 ‘ her. But a little time after the

‘ retir’d into the Nunnery, which
‘ we had in this City, as she pre-
‘ tended, not with a Design to be
‘ a profess’d Nun, but to take off
‘ the Cause of that Scandal which
‘ was spread abroad concerning
‘ the Earl visiting her often pri-
‘ vately in her Lodgings, and to
‘ abate that Aversion which the
‘ Countess of *Tyrconnel* had been
‘ observ’d at that time to take a-
‘ gainst Mrs. *Grey*, to whom the
‘ said Countess before had always
‘ shew’d the greatest Kindnes ima-
‘ ginable; and after her being in
‘ that Cloyster, to our most cer-
‘ tain Knowledge, she was fre-
‘ quently visited by the Countess
‘ of *Tyrconnel* and her Daughters,
‘ when they were in *Dublin*; and
‘ that Countess having been some
‘ time absent, at her return, came
‘ the

the very next Day to see Mrs.
Grey, and we whose Names are
hereunto subscrib'd, having been
formerly favour'd with her Com-
pany, as visiting our Wives fre-
quently, did twice go to the
Nunnery and saw her; and hear-
ing in May, 1688. that she was
going from the Convent for Eng-
land, we repair'd thither, to wish
her a good Voyage ; and our
Wives doing the same, and they
only being admitted, told us,
that certainly Mrs. Mary Grey
was big with Child, and a go-
ing for England to Lie in there :
This gave us a Desire to take the
Opportunity of seeing her as she
went on Board the Monmouth
Yatch with the Countess, and
with much Difficulty we had the
Opportunity not only of seeing

' her on Board the Yatch, but
 ' leave again to wish her a good
 ' Voyage to *England*; and then
 ' we saw plainly she was big with
 ' Child. This is what we can
 ' freely depose on Oath, and there
 ' is many more in this City, who
 ' know the same to be Truth. We
 ' have under-written sent you our
 ' Wives Informations, according
 ' to their Knowledge; and hope
 ' this hidden Mystery will be
 ' plainly made appear to the
 ' World. We are, Sir,

Your most Humble Servants,
 Robert Fitz-Gerald.
 Roger Hamilton.

This Letter was brought to me
 from these Gentlemen, by *John*
Smith, Gent. who lives in *Capel-*
street in Dublin.

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' **V**E whose Names are
 ' hereunto subscrib'd,
 ' do declare, and are ready to
 ' make Oath, That in May, 1688.
 ' we visited Mrs. Mary Grey in the
 ' Nunnery, in this City of Dublin,
 ' and being private with her (our
 ' most intimate Acquaintance) we
 ' discern'd her to be with Child,
 ' which we frankly charg'd her
 ' with: Upon which, after some
 ' Tears let fall, she ingeniously
 ' own'd to us, that she was with
 ' Child by the Earl of Tyrconnel,
 ' then Lord Deputy of Ireland, and
 ' that she was going over with his
 ' Countess, in order to Lie in at
 ' London. In witness hereof, we
 ' have hereunto set our Hands this
 ' 23d of December, 1696.

Mary Fitz-Gerald.
Catharine Hamilton.
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All I shall say concerning these Assertions, is, that upon Enquiry, the Persons who writ them, are of unblemish'd Reputation, and so well known, that I cannot hear of any, (tho' many Persons of Quality and others have seen the foregoing Letter) who can give the least Reason for the invallidating their Testimony, which is also confirm'd by many more; so apparent is it, that the late Earl of *Tyrconnel* was the True Father of the Pretended Prince of *Wales*.

I have thus shew'd you part of the Letters I promis'd; and according as I have occasion I shall publish the Remainder, being a much greater Parcel: And these being

being sufficiently prov'd Authentick, will be again, if requir'd, on the strictest Scrutiny imaginable: I am contented to see if my Adversaries will give any Answer; which if they prove so candid as to do on plain, honest Terms, I shall be oblig'd to them, and think it my Happiness, by publishing what remains, to put this Matter (if possible) out of dispute. Therefore, I would humbly beg this Favour of them, to stick close to the Matter of Fact, otherwise I shall not concern myself to make a Reply.

W. Fuller.

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W^Hereas my first Narrative, in the Year, 1696.
was much abus'd by a false Surreptitious Copy; to prevent the like Abuse,
I do hereby certifie, That the true Copy
of the late Queen's Letters, &c. as
taken from the Originals (by Command)
is Printed for my self, and
Sold by the Booksellers of London and
Westminster, as witness my Hand
this 9th Day of October.

W. Fuller.